

## STATEMENT OF WILLIAM BRENT NICOLA

I, William Brent Nicola, hereby state under penalty of perjury, as follows:

William Brent Nicola  
2376 N. Mountain View Pl.  
Huachuca City, AZ 85616  
Occupation: Minister

I am providing this Statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard Richards for a year and a half. During this time I have had the pleasure of counting Richard as a member of my church congregation.

As a minister of a church serving Cochise County I have seen the positive impact Channel 33 has had on our area. Though every age group benefits from this uplifting and informative programming I know first hand that the elderly of our community especially benefit. With their mobility less than what it used to be and loneliness an increasing factor, I have witnessed the positive impact Channel 33 has had on this ever increasing people group. If Channel 33 were to be removed from our county's airwaves it would be a tragedy to all who have come to rely on it's wholesome programming.

As stated, I have been Richard's friend and pastor for a year and a half. During this time I have watched Richard grow as an individual and as a valuable contributor to our church and community. Richard has consistently demonstrated a willingness to "walk in truth" and be a help to the less fortunate.

Sincerely,

*W. Brent Nicola*

**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R23**

**STATEMENT OF GREG D. ROWLES**

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| <u>Federal Communications Commission</u> |                           |
| Docket No. <u>93-176</u>                 | Exhibit No. <u>R 23</u>   |
| Presented by <u>R. Richards</u>          |                           |
| Disposition                              | Identified <u>2.23.94</u> |
|  | Received <u>2.23.94</u>   |
|  | Rejected _____            |
| Reporter <u>A.W. Walker</u>              |                           |
| Date <u>2.23.94</u>                      |                           |

**STATEMENT OF GREG D. ROWLES**

Greg D. Rowles hereby states under penalty of perjury:

My address is P. O. Box 294, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636, and I am a software engineer. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard Richards for about 3 years. We are both members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship. He is a respected member who often speaks at either the monthly breakfast or banquet meetings. He keeps us informed on the status of the television station, business related to it and number of subscribers.

I am a listener/watcher of Channel 33. I find it to be a very important part of my spiritual life. I am able to stay informed as to the spreading of the gospel, the outreach of other ministries and their positive impact on the lives of many others. The religious television network 33 is very important to all people who may not be able to go out to attend a church. This is their only way of learning about Jesus Christ, His plan for their life, salvation, forgiveness, love, hope, joy and how to serve Him. Without this fine service Brother Richards is able to offer, truly a real void would be in our lives.

In my dealings with Richard Richards over the last 3 years, I can speak highly of his character. He is concerned about the well being of others. He is thoughtful and helpful to anyone in need and he always has a kind word to say to you. He is thrilled to have the religious network on the air. He speaks of the character and impact it has on helping us all to grow. He uses himself as an example and the mistakes he has made in his life -- marijuana plants -- as to the how the Lord and the religious television network has helped him grow. He frequently hears from many people who sincerely thank him for offering this great service to the community. I have had many discussions with him on the morals and values of our country. He as well as all of the Full Gospel members and many other in our community share the same idea, that our country is truly falling apart at the seams. We all know we need to do our best helping bring about change in our community and nation. Truly the service his television station offers helps in having a positive influence in our community.

I and members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship often speak of Brother Richards. He is seen as a person you can rely on and trust. He is a hard worker, helpful, caring and supporting of others. He wants to serve his community in a positive way and do his part in helping spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people. He knows the only way some people will get the chance to learn/experience this, is by the service

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this television station offers. Richard Richards is a positive influence on/in his community.

Greg D. Bowles  
Greg D. Bowles

Dated: This 2 day of Dec, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R24**

**STATEMENT OF WAYNE E. RUDELL**

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| <u>Federal Communications Commission</u> |                           |
| Docket No. <u>93-174</u>                 | Exhibit No. <u>R 24</u>   |
| Presented by <u>R. Richards</u>          |                           |
| Disposition                              | Identified <u>2.23.94</u> |
|  | Received <u>2.23.94</u>   |
|  | Rejected _____            |
| Reporter <u>A. Wellmer</u>               |                           |
| Date <u>2.23.94</u>                      |                           |

**STATEMENT OF WAYNE E. RUDELL**

Wayne E. Rudell hereby states under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 355 Huachuca Boulevard, NBY13, Box 14, Huachuca City, Arizona and I am retired from the U.S. Army. I currently work at the U.S. Army Test Measurement Diagnostic Center at Ft. Huachuca and teach part time at college in Electronic Division. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I have known Richard for about twelve years and am aware that he pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard Richards since February 1985 from the Abundant Life Family Church and Full Gospel Business Mens' Fellowship International. I have seen him in his up times and down times.

I am a viewer of Channel 33, Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN"). This station is the primary TV station that I watch. This station brings much peace of mind and comfort to me personally. This station brings life changing subjects to my life so that I have become a better person. I have heard many testimonies of men and women who wanted to commit murder or suicide. Channel 33 was there to prevent these people from killing themselves. If this station goes off the air, this community would have a great loss.

I make this comment about Richard's truthfulness. I have seen his hard times in his marriage, the struggles in finding work and making his business to prosper. He has always been honest in admitting his wrongs to me. He never proclaimed to be someone that he wasn't. He has always been solid in his friendship with me. When he was growing these marijuana plants he was upfront with me. I didn't agree with everything he did, however in all things his integrity was straight.

I am the President of the Sierra Vista Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International. Richard has been an upright member for over two and a half years. During that time he has built and constructed a complete TV low power station, Channel 33. The funds for this project came from his account and from donations mostly. We have asked him to put a plug in for Channel 33 at our banquet and tell us the price of setting up to receive Channel 33. I have heard from 50 people in this community how Richard has given free installations of the antenna, amplifier and cable. The price to set up a complete system is about \$200. Being in the installation field myself, I checked out the price he quoted. I found that this price was less than I found in the market. I heard many people say that he has at a high reputation in this community. People have said that they like dealing with Richard because of his honesty.

Wayne E. Rudell  
Wayne E. Rudell

Dated: This 2 day of Dec, 1993.



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## RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R25

## STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE H. WICKE

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| <b>Federal Communications Commission</b> |                           |
| Docket No. <u>93-176</u>                 | Exhibit No. <u>R25</u>    |
| Presented by <u>R. Richards</u>          |                           |
| Disposition                              | Identified <u>2.23.94</u> |
|  | Received <u>2.23.94</u>   |
|  | Rejected _____            |
| Reporter <u>A. Welner</u>                |                           |
| Date <u>2.23.94</u>                      |                           |

**STATEMENT OF LAWRENCE H. WICKE**

Lawrence H. Wicke hereby states under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 9215 Spanish Spur Lane, P.O. Box 485, Hereford, Arizona 85645 and I am a retired federal firefighter. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard for 17 years. I met him the first time at the Palominas Community Church which he attended regularly. He is a hard working man and developed a very productive farm in lower Montezuma Canyon. Richard has always demonstrated his desire to understand and live his life according to the Bible and Jesus. He has always been a blessing to this community by providing food to those in need, helping those who are elderly and disabled. He is extremely proficient in many vocations. His expertise is in organic farming, health and healing through food, herbs and natural methods. He believed that marijuana had a purpose in the natural scheme and he used it accordingly. He told me that he has not used marijuana for one and one-half years and that he has come to the understanding that nothing created by God is inherently evil or wrong and that any act that violates the law is always wrong. He is not unlike any person who is striving to live a good, wholesome life and all who do will

struggle with evil. Richard has not always been honest about everything, as honesty relates to marijuana and the law; however, he has always been honest in his dealings with me and others in this community and church. Richard has repented of his transgression of the law and has allowed God to use the ordeal of being arrested and losing his ranch to increase his zeal to proclaim the love, mercy and forgiveness of God to his fellow man. This is his reason for seeking renewal of his FCC license for K33CG which carries the programming of Trinity Broadcasting Network ("TBN"). Richard has demonstrated his honesty and concern for the community by his dedication and hard work in establishing television station K33CG. This station serves a large rural area as well as Sierra Vista with wholesome programming that is not carried on cable and otherwise could only be received via satellite dish. K33CG is filling a void that exists in our area by broadcasting TBN. Television is saturated with violence, illicit sex and the denigration of family values. K33CG is vital to fulfilling President Clinton's commitment to reestablish family values in America.

It is common knowledge that in a situation such as this, relatively very few people will take the time to write a letter or make a statement; however, to anyone who is unbiased, it is obvious that Richard is doing a good service for this area and that K33CG is a benefit to this community .

On behalf of Richard and K33CG, I plead with the FCC to please renew his license. I am a native of this area and I know I am speaking for hundreds of people who agree with this plea.

  
Lawrence H. Wicke

Dated: This 3 day of Dec, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R26**

**STATEMENT OF STANLEY C. WILLIAMS**

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| <u>Federal Communications Commission</u> |                           |
| Docket No. <u>93-178</u>                 | Exhibit No. <u>R26</u>    |
| Presented by <u>R. Richards</u>          |                           |
| Disposition                              | Identified <u>2-23-94</u> |
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|  | Rejected _____            |
| Reporter <u>A. W. Walker</u>             |                           |
| Date <u>2-23-94</u>                      |                           |

**STATEMENT OF STANLEY C. WILLIAMS**

Stanley C. Williams hereby states under penalty of perjury:

I reside at 3704 Osprey Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona, and I am retired military. I am providing this statement in support of Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

I have known Richard Richards for approximately four years through the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International, Sierra Vista Chapter.

I watch Channel 33 because it allows me the choice to receive Christian programming any time of the day or night. Desert Cablevision doesn't allow me this choice. Desert Cablevision schedules the Christian programs either early in the morning (while working people are at work) or late at night (while working people are trying to get some sleep). Channel 33 is vital to the Christian community because the majority of us work outside the home daily and don't have the luxury of a television on the job. The Christian community would most certainly be worse off without Channel 33 because we again would be at the merciless hands of Desert Cablevision, whose only interest is in making a buck. The fear of a citywide boycott is the only reason they have little Christian programming in their network package. As a Christian, I like having the choice to

watch Christian programs as well as the news. Without Channel 33, I would be limited to the news and trash programming of an ungodly nature, deemed as "money makers" by Desert Cablevision.

Richard Richards is a Born Again Christian and in my opinion, that is sufficient. The Holy Scriptures state that you will know God's people by their fruits as stated in Galatians 6:22-23. On each and every occasion that I have been graced by the presence of Richard Richards, I have observed the fruits of the Spirit operating in his life. Therefore, not only is he a good and moral person, he is a Godly man.

Richard Richards' reputation among the members of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, Sierra Vista Chapter, is that of a truthful and trustworthy person. I am thankful to God for using him to provide a vital service to the Christian community. I commend mercy for Richard Richards, by the Blood of Jesus Christ, Son of the true and living God who holds all power in his hands. Please don't allow this lifeline to be cut off. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 3:22

  
Stanley C. Williams

Dated: This 24 day of December, 1993.

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R27**

**LETTER OF GENE A. DIMARIA**

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| Federal Communications Commission |                           |
| Docket No. <u>93-174</u>          | Exhibit No. <u>R27</u>    |
| Presented by <u>R. Richards</u>   |                           |
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| Reporter <u>A. Wilson</u>         |                           |
| Date <u>2.23.94</u>               |                           |



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**  
PROBATION OFFICE

**THOMAS S. YAMAUCHI**

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November 26, 1993

Gerald P. McCartin  
1050 Connecticut Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20036-5339

Dear Mr. McCartin:

**RE: RICHARDS, RICHARD**  
**URINALYSIS RESULTS**

Pursuant to your request, Chief U.S. District Judge for the District of Arizona William D. Browning has authorized me to release the results of Mr. Richards' urinalysis tests to detect drug use for your use in MM Docket No. 93-176.

Since commencing probation supervision on July 31, 1992, Mr. Richards has submitted on a random basis, nine urinalysis samples under supervision of this office. The results of these tests have all been negative (meaning no evidence of drug use by Mr. Richards). Currently, Mr. Richards appears to be complying with his conditions of probation and has posed no significant supervision problems to date.

If you require additional assistance in this matter, contact me at 602/670-6138.

Sincerely,



**Gene A. DiMaria**  
U.S. Probation Officer

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**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R28**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9/14/92 ORDER**

Federal Communications Commission

Docket No. 92-176 Exhibit No. R28

Presented by R. Richards

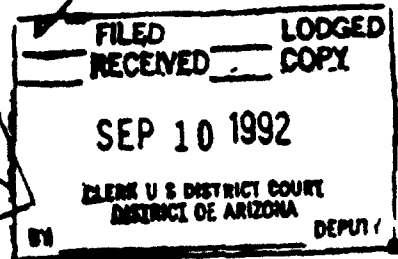
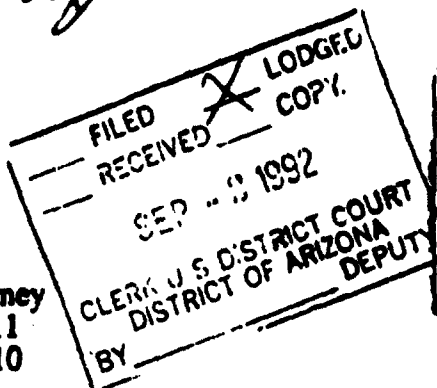
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Reporter A. Wilson

Date 2-23-94

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

RICHARD RICHARDS, )

Defendant. )

CR 92-014 TUC WDB

ORDER

Upon motion of the Defendant and by virtue of this Court's authority under 21 U.S.C. §862,

IT IS ORDERED that the Court's sentence in the above-captioned matter is not intended to affect the defendant's ability to apply for or receive federal benefits, including but not limited to the federal benefit of owning and operating television stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, however, that this order does not prohibit any other federal department or agency, under authority other than 21 U.S.C. §862, from taking whatever action it may deem appropriate, based on the defendant's conviction in this matter.

9/9/92  
Date

*William D. Browning*  
William D. Browning  
Chief Judge, United States District Court  
District of Arizona

cc. Richards 9-14-92

**RICHARD RICHARDS' EXHIBIT R29**

**LETTER OF TWILA J. THOMPSON**

93-176

Federal Communications

Docket No. 93-176 Exhibit No. R29

Presented by R. Richards

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Reporter A. W. Adams

Date 2.23.94

STATEMENT OF TWILA J. THOMPSON

I, Twila J. Thompson, hereby state under penalty of perjury, as follows:

1. My name is Twila J. Thompson; my address is: 8402 East Cambria Drive, Tucson, Arizona 85730; and I am a Federal investigator currently working as an Assistant Inspector General, U.S. Army Information Systems Command, Office of the Inspector General, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-5000, telephone: (602) 538-6250 (work), and (602) 886-8441 (home). I am providing this statement in support of Mr. Richard Richards' application before the Federal Communications Commission to renew his low power television license to serve the Sierra Vista, Arizona area. I am aware that Mr. Richards pled guilty in 1992 to the crime of possession of approximately 40 marijuana plants with an intent to distribute such plants to a person or persons.

2. I have known Mr. Richards since approximately June 1992 or about one and one-half years. I met him at the Full Gospel Businessmens' meetings in Sierra Vista, Arizona. At that time he was almost singlehandedly building a Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) television tower on Mule Mountain near Bisbee, Arizona. Mr. Richards was giving us progress reports on this construction at the meetings. Because he was attempting to establish a service that the Christian community was very much interested in; there could have been a propensity to attempt to manipulate people into giving him money or help. But he never did this; all he asked for was prayer. Further, I also hired Mr. Richards to put television antennas on my homes in Sierra Vista and then in Tucson. He did an excellent job at a modest price. He is dependable and a very hard worker. Also, in addition to talking to him at the abovementioned meetings, we (the Fort Huachuca Command Post Chaplain and his wife) had the privilege of his company during Thanksgiving 1992. Professionally and socially, I have noted that Mr. Richard's focus has been directed to furthering the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is his desire to not only get TBN television coverage in this area, but he wants a counselling center for people to receive personal prayer and assistance.

3. When I initially heard the charges against Mr. Richards, I was dumbfounded. He does not in any way fit the profile. I base this comment on my experience of eleven years as an Inspector General, and my experience in the prison ministry. (I have been affiliated in the prison ministry in various prisons throughout Arizona for the last ten years.) I am well acquainted with the baser element of our society, and Mr. Richards certainly does not fit the pattern.

4. This county is definitely in need of TBN television programming. The younger generation are not being taught moral or spiritual values, e.g., "the Ten Commandments" in school. Without instruction on these values the younger generation are not able to overcome the drug and sexual perversion in our schools and our society--as evidenced all over our nation. Additionally, there is a large military contingent in this county, those on active duty and retired (over 45,000) who could benefit from the exposure of Christian programming. Right now there is more alcohol consumed in Sierra Vista than any other city in Arizona. Yes, this county is definitely in need of TBN television programming.

5. I think Mr. Richards' track record speaks for itself during the past eighteen months. There is no doubt in my mind that his greatest desire is to help others by spreading the gospel. If I did not beleive this, I would not be submitting this statement.

This statement is submitted on this 15th day of November, 1993.

  
TWILA J. THOMPSON